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Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP Files Class Action Suit against E*TRADE Financial Corporation

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NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP ("Coughlin Stoia") (<http://www.csgr.com/cases/etrade/>) today announced that a class action has been commenced in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York on behalf of purchasers of the common stock of E*TRADE Financial Corporation ("E*TRADE" or the "Company") (NASDAQ: [ETFC](#) - [News](#)) between December 14, 2006 and September 25, 2007, inclusive (the "Class Period"), seeking to pursue remedies under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act").

If you wish to serve as lead plaintiff, you must move the Court no later than 60 days from today. If you wish to discuss this action or have any questions concerning this notice or your rights or interests, please contact plaintiff's counsel, Samuel H. Rudman or David A. Rosenfeld of Coughlin Stoia at 800/449-4900 or 619/231-1058, or via e-mail at dir@csgr.com. If you are a member of this class, you can view a copy of the complaint as filed or join this class action online at <http://www.csgr.com/cases/etrade/>. Any member of the purported class may move the Court to serve as lead plaintiff through counsel of their choice, or may choose to do nothing and remain an absent class member.

The complaint charges E*TRADE and certain of its officers and directors with violations of the Exchange Act. E*TRADE, through its subsidiaries, offers financial solutions to retail and institutional customers worldwide. In addition, the Company offers mortgage, home equity, and margin and credit card products; real estate loans; and various consumer loans, including recreational vehicle, marine, commercial, automobile, and credit card loans.

According to the complaint, during the Class Period, defendants issued materially false and misleading statements that misrepresented and failed to disclose: (a) that the Company was experiencing a rise in delinquency rates in its mortgage and home equity portfolios; (b) that the Company failed to timely record an impairment on its mortgage and home equity portfolios; (c) that the Company's securities portfolio, which includes assets backed by mortgages, was materially overvalued; and (d) that based on the foregoing, Defendants' positive statements about the Company's earnings and prospects were lacking in a reasonable basis at all times.

On September 17, 2007, the Company announced that it will exit the wholesale mortgage and it is revising its guidance for 2007, among other things. Upon this news, shares of the Company's stock fell \$2.32 per share, or over 15%, over the next six trading days as the investing public digested the news.

Plaintiff seeks to recover damages on behalf of a Class consisting of all persons other than Defendants who purchased the common stock of E*TRADE between December 14, 2006 and September 25, 2007, inclusive, seeking to pursue remedies under the Exchange Act. The plaintiff is represented by Coughlin Stoia, which has expertise in prosecuting investor class actions and extensive experience in actions involving financial fraud.

Coughlin Stoia, a 180-lawyer firm with offices in San Diego, San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, Boca Raton, Washington, D.C., Houston and Philadelphia, is active in major litigations pending in federal and state courts throughout the United States and has taken a leading role in many important actions on behalf of defrauded investors, consumers, and companies, as well as victims of human rights violations. Coughlin Stoia lawyers have been responsible for more than \$45 billion in aggregate recoveries. The Coughlin Stoia Web site (<http://www.csgr.com>) has more information about the firm.

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